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The following information on the 69th Inf Bn in Rychnov nad Kneznou (O 51/H 00) was obtained up to early October 1949:*

1. Superior headquarters: Motorized infantry division in KOLIN (O 51/M 31). **
2. Utvar No: 5350 (verified by military certificate issued on 28 September 1949. (1))
3. Quarters: Barracks on the western perimeter of the town, west of the road to Solnice (O 51/H 01). Some component units of the battalion were stationed in Kostelec n. Orl. (O 51/H 00), in the barracks NE of the railroad station and south of the road to Vamberk (O 51/H 00).
4. Officers of the Bn Hq:
CO: LtCol Navara.
Dpty CO: Maj Brazda.
5. Organization: ***

In Rychnov: Hq Co, three infantry companies, MG Co, SMG Co, Repl Tng Co.
In Kostelec: Hv Wpn Co and Inf Gun Co
The Repl Tng Co was a cadre unit.

6. EM and strength: Of the 1926 and 1927 classes; few Slovaks; 15 to 20 percent members of Communist organizations. The companies were below authorized strengths, with about 50 percent of the EM permanently detached to labor brigades. ***
7. Armament: Two rifles with telescopic sight (in each infantry company), German rifles, German submachine guns, light machine guns "26", heavy machine guns "37", German mortars and German AT guns.
The Hv Wpn Co included one mortar platoon equipped with three 82-mm mortars and one AT artillery platoon equipped with three 37-mm AT guns towed by trucks.

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The Inf Gun Co was equipped with three 76-mm guns and three 120-mm mortars towed by motor vehicles. ***

8. Motor vehicles: About 18 GAZ trucks, 3 Dodge trucks, and 1 ZIS truck were stationed in Kostelec.
9. Training: The battalion participated in the large-scale summer maneuvers in Slovakia in 1949.

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- * It is known from previous reports and confirmed by the above report that the 69th Mtz Inf Bn is an organic unit of the 8th Mtz Inf Div.
- ** The Kolin motorized infantry division is believed to be the 8th Mtz Inf Div, which was last identified in Kolin in April 1949.
- *** The data concerning organization, armament and EM classes of the 69th Mtz Inf Bn agrees with previous information.

(1) Although Utvar No 5354 was observed with the battalion in January 1949, the reported Utvar No 5350 is considered correct since the evaluation of Utvar numbers indicates that, of the 53xx series, only Utvar numbers up to 5350 are in use.

1 Annex: 1 Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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